

P. O. CHARGES NAME O. F. WEIS

A DEPUTY IN REGISTRY OFFICE
—HE SAYS THEY'RE FALSE.

He's a Friend of Beavers and a Republican County Committeeman—Once Handled a Clerk's Legislative Fund, but Knows No Promotion Syndicate—More Details

The Washington story of the operations in the Post Office Department of a "promotion syndicate," with a subordinate official under Postmaster Van Cott as its agent in the New York Post Office, has stirred up the office here from top to bottom. The sensation was all the greater here because it is now admitted unofficially by some of the higher officers in the department that there may be something in the story.

All in authority in the New York office will officially express the opinion yesterday that such a scheme for securing graft as was indicated in the charges made in Washington was impossible. But, speaking privately and stipulating that their names should not be used in connection with the operations of the "syndicate," have been concerned in promotions of Post Office employees.

One man who holds high rank in Postmaster Van Cott's official family admitted that for some little time he has suspected that two men whose names have been mentioned in connection with the operations of the "syndicate" have been concerned in promotions of Post Office employees.

When the first reports about the sale of promotions at from \$25 to \$50 and a salary percentage were received on Thursday night the Post Office officials were greatly mystified as to the identity of the syndicate's alleged agent here. The name was given out at Washington as "Weis" and the dispatches said that he was a superintendent of division in the New York office. There is no "Weis" in such a place here. But yesterday afternoon the name came from Washington that a mistake in the name had been made and that the name of the alleged agent was Weis.

Otto F. Weis, second assistant superintendent of the registry division, is the only person of that name who is an official of the New York Post Office. Mr. Weis lives at 24 East 57th street and is a member of the Republican County Committee for the Thirty-fifth district. When reporters asked him about the Washington charges he inquired carefully when the alleged collections of money for promotions were said to have been made. On being told that the Washington advice said they were recent, he said:

"I have never collected any money whatever for the purpose of having men promoted under the pretense of getting them advanced, and I know nothing of any so-called promotion syndicate. I personally have never collected a cent from any postal employee for any purpose, but up to a little over a year ago I was chairman of the legislative committee of the National Association of Post Office Clerks, and in that capacity I had a great deal to do with the money which was collected from members and sent to Washington to the association's representatives who were looking after our interests before Congress.

"Since the Presidential order of Feb. 20, 1902, forbidding postal employees from attempting to influence legislation and threatening them with dismissal if they did, the association has virtually gone out of existence except as a beneficiary body. Since that time no collections have been made by the legislative committee, and I have had nothing to do with any collections of any kind."

When Mr. Weis was asked if the fund collected was a corruption fund he said that the fund collected by the clerks' organization was never over \$1,500 and often under \$1,000. Although he did not actually collect any of the money, he said, he was the member of the committee who sent the money to the association's representatives in Washington.

At one time, Mr. Weis said, Representative "Tim" Campbell was in charge of the association's interests at Washington, and at another time a lawyer known as "Jimmy" Davis had the job. As a result of the organization's efforts several laws had been passed by Congress bettering the conditions of the postal clerks. Among the benefits secured were paid vacations during the clerks' fifty-day vacations and a classification of clerks. Mr. Weis added emphatically:

"If anybody says that I had anything to do with this alleged 'syndicate' in the New York Post Office, he says what is untrue and false in every particular. I have known George W. Beavers, and some time ago we got up a memorial or thanksgiving document to Mr. Beavers. We did this because we liked him and he was respected by men in Brooklyn and in other places. But that I, or Mr. Beavers, or anybody else, had anything to do with any wrongdoing in the New York Post Office is untrue in every particular."

Weis has been in the New York Post Office since April 11, 1890. He has been second assistant superintendent of the registry division for about two years. Before that he was a clerk in the same division. Beavers, who recently resigned under pressure his job as superintendent of the salary and allowance division of the Post Office Department at Washington, from which the alleged "promotion syndicate" is said to have operated, was for a number of years head of the registry division here, and Weis was a clerk under him.

"If there are any crookedness in the New York Post Office," said Postmaster Van Cott yesterday, "I don't know it. But I hope they'll investigate this office from top to bottom. If there is anything wrong, heaven only knows I want to know it. If there's a crook around here, I want to see him caught, and the quicker the better."

"This story about a promotion syndicate money as very strange, however. I don't see how it could have been worked, and I can't see how it could have operated on any such scale as the Washington dispatches would seem to indicate. It is possible, of course, that some one has imposed on gullible clerks by collecting money from them under the pretense that he could have their condition bettered; but under the system of promotions in vogue in the department at present any clerk giving up money for such a purpose would be very foolish."

According to Second Assistant Postmaster Edward S. Post, who as superintendent of the registry division is the immediate superior of Weis, the latter has charge of the records and correspondence of the registry division and has nothing

whatever to do with the promotions of men in that division or any other.

That was a report yesterday that Post Office inspectors from Washington were at work here trying to get evidence bearing on the scandal. If they were none of the local officials knew anything about them. Postmaster Van Cott and his assistants said that Washington detectives might be at work for all they knew, but if they were the local office would not be likely to hear about it. Mr. Van Cott said that he had had no official news from Washington about the alleged corruption and at present there was nothing for him to do but to await developments.

Ervin H. Thorpe, Post Office inspector in charge of this department, and Inspectors Crowell and Little have been in Washington for the last three weeks working on the Post Office scandals. Inspector Clum, who is in charge of the office temporarily, said last night that he did not know when Mr. Thorpe and his assistants would return.

George W. Beavers lives at Fifth street and Fifteenth avenue, Borough Park, Brooklyn. His wife said last night that he was out of town. He and his wife and two sons and two daughters live in a house that cost about \$20,000. The neighbors said that Mr. Beavers while a Post Office official lived modestly and apparently well within his salary of \$3,500 a year. He came here from Washington every second week on Friday and stayed until Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow refuses to reveal the names of those who recently filed charges with the Department alleging the existence of a promotion syndicate. The Department officers say that the charges have not come from one person or from one source, but that substantially the same allegations have been made by a number of residents of New York. Acting Postmaster-General Wynne refuses to discuss the probable truth or falsity of the allegations, as the investigation at present being made has not progressed far enough to enable the officers to determine the accuracy of the various specifications. But he admits that they have been filed.

The Post Office Department's catalogue of scandal is growing to such a length and the cross fire of accusation and allegation has become so spirited that the most searching and thorough investigation will be necessary before it can be determined with any degree of accuracy just how much fact there is in the many charges of official misconduct that have been made against various officers of the post service. There is no doubt that some of the allegations are the result of a desire in certain quarters to "get even" on account of past actual or fancied wrongs, and the work of separating this class of allegations from those based on actual and unexaggerated facts must necessarily be a slow one.

Those who are in a position to know say that without doubt the affairs in one or more of the bureaus of the Post Office Department are being investigated have been conducted in a very high-handed manner and that the allegations of official misconduct will be substantiated by the result of the investigations. They believe, also, that there is considerably more smoke than fire, and that the inquiry now in progress will develop this fact.

WIPES OUT 927 CHARTERS.

New Jersey, Housecleaning, Purges Himself of Meritless Corporations.

TRENTON, N. J., April 10.—No important industrial corporations are included in the recent proclamation of Gov. Murphy, dissolving the charters of 927 companies for non-payment to the State of the annual tax levied on corporations chartered by the Secretary of State. The proclamation which is just now coming out in pamphlet form was issued on Jan. 6.

Most of the corporations never got beyond the formative state. It is not uncommon for charters to be taken out before a company is more than nominally formed. If nothing further comes of the proposition nothing is lost by the promoters except the filing fee which is only \$200 per \$1,000,000 of authorized capital, with a minimum fee of \$25. No taxes are paid and at the end of two years the charters are declared forfeited because of such non-payment.

The number of charters voided by the Governor's proclamation is slightly larger than in former years, but this is because the number of charters is annually increasing. These proclamations are issued annually and are really a cleaning out of dead wood. There are about 8,000 companies in the State which pay their taxes annually. These are not affected by the proclamation.

JOSEPH PARK LEFT \$1,000,000.

Nothing to Coachman Who Had Served Him for Half a Century

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 10.—According to the will of Joseph Park, which was filed with Surrogate Skikman at White Plains today, he divided, it is estimated, about \$1,000,000 among his relatives and friends. Much to the astonishment of his friends, Sam Brown, a colored coachman for Mr. Park for half a century, is not mentioned in the will. Brown had told his friends that he expected \$30,000. George C. Park, a son, is to have \$100,000, the major house at Rye, the Genoa, Bradford and Tompkins, comprising about 3,000 acres, and \$500,000 worth of bonds of the Park & Tilford Company.

For Miss Ives Park, granddaughter, \$100,000 is placed in the custody of the United States Trust Company until she is of age. To his adopted daughter, Minnie C. Musgrave, wife of Robert Musgrave, Mr. Park gave \$100,000 outright, the life use of her home at Harrison, and the use of \$50,000, which is held in trust. Joseph Park, a wealthy real estate dealer, died at his home at White Plains, N. Y., April 8. He was 82 years old. His wife, Mrs. Eliza F. Lawrence, died at White Plains on Feb. 15, 1902, and the witnesses are Delos McDuffy of the Park Hotel, and J. R. Cumming of 204 West Forty-third street, New York.

MR. MORRIS WON'T RESIGN.

Reply of County Committee's President to a Story That He May Go to The Hague.

President Robert C. Morris of the New York County Committee said last night: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that I intend to resign as president of the Republican County Committee."

The story which Mr. Morris thus flatly repudiated was that he might be expected to resign as president of the County Committee in order to make room for the nomination of a new president. Mr. Morris said that he had no intention of resigning and that he would continue to serve the County Committee as president.

"GRAB BILLS" DEAD—BEDELL.

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, SAY COOPER UNION SPEAKERS.

Meeting Held to Denounce Franchise Measures Pending at Albany—John De Witt Warner Lands on the Governor—Resolutions to Be Sent to Odell

The first of a series of mass meetings to protest against the passage of the so-called "grab bills" now pending at Albany was held in Cooper Union last night and was attended by a large crowd.

A mild sensation was caused at the meeting by Charles N. Chadwick of the Manufacturers' Association who read to the audience, which had already been told by half a dozen speakers that the Foley, Goodsell, Grady, L'Hommedieu, Wilcox, Bedell and Cadin bills were likely to become laws, a letter from Chairman Bedell of the Assembly Railroad Committee, the father of one of the bills, to the effect that all of them were practically dead. This letter was written on Wednesday by Assemblyman Bedell and was in response to a protest from the Manufacturers' Association against the passage of the "grab bills" or the favorable consideration by the Railroad Committee of those still before it. The letter is in part as follows:

In relation to Bill 774, the Cadin bill, this committee will not act favorably upon it. In regard to Assembly Bill 822, introduced by Mr. L'Hommedieu, this committee has abandoned it. In respect to Mr. Grady's bill, they have not received the bill yet. Mr. L'Hommedieu's bill will not be reported by the committee. Goodsell's bill has never been before us for consideration.

In spite of this letter the audience was told by a number of speakers that, far from being dead, the L'Hommedieu and Foley bills had both passed the Senate and were now on the order of third reading in the Assembly.

John DeWitt Warner, who presided at last night's meeting, made a fierce attack on the "grab bills." He said that the bills were the old story, the rich bed of grab blooms before me. Rural legislators are threatening to steal our land franchises from us. Where is the honor rule that both of our great parties stand pledged to? Our Governor is well known to us. With his little finger he could lay his hands on every one of these grabs. No one understands matters better than he. Should any of our legislators tag their names as really progressive? We know that they are really the champions of the monopoly. This meeting to-night is, in fact, laid to light the Standard Oil monopoly. It is an attempt to loot the city through Albany.

Mr. Warner said he recalled that four years ago President Odell of the Rapid Transit Commission and George L. Rives, now Corporation Counsel, lobbied at Albany for a bill to grant a perpetual franchise of the subway for the use of the city. He said that the bill was killed, he said, by public protest, and the present bill could be killed in the same way.

James S. Lohmeyer of the West Side Association said that there never had been in the history of the State so corrupt and unscrupulous a lobby at Albany as the one at present in session. He said that the "grab bills" were the worst of the worst.

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A committee was appointed to hand all of the resolutions to Gov. Odell. The members of the committee are Robert C. Morris, John DeWitt Warner, Charles V. Fornes, William F. Stonebridge, Charles N. Chadwick, S. B. Donnelly, Ralph Trautman, Frank Moore, Norton Goddard and E. W. Bloomingdale.

WEDDING GIFTS IN NEWPORT.

The Rev. W. B. Neenan to Marry R. C. Vanderbilt and Miss Nelson.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 10.—It was learned today that the Rev. William B. Neenan, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, will perform the ceremony uniting Miss Cathleen G. Neilon and Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt on Tuesday next. This decision was reached today and the announcement was officially made to-night.

The Rev. Father Neenan is a strikingly handsome man, six feet tall, with snow white hair. Last season he married Miss Sarah Van Allen and Mr. Robert Collier. It is likely that he will be assisted by the Rev. Father Deady.

Mrs. Cathleen Vanderbilt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, arrived at Newport this evening and they were driven at once to the Breakers, where they will remain until after the wedding. On Monday evening Mrs. Vanderbilt will give a large dinner in honor of the wedding party.

Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt will join his mother at the Breakers to-morrow. To-morrow Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt will give a large luncheon at Oakland Farm in honor of Miss Neilon, when a number of the guests of the wedding will have arrived, including several of the attendants of the bride and groom.

There will be 100 guests at the wedding ceremony on Tuesday and all will remain for the breakfast and reception that will follow. The bride and groom will be seated at two large tables, each seating sixteen guests, one the bride's table and the other for the family, and the guests will be seated at the tables around them.

Mrs. Frederick Neilon arrived from New York this morning, coming on the mid-night train. With Mrs. Neilon came the wedding presents. They were taken to Atlantic City and seemed to be in the best of health. He had nothing whatever to say about the political situation in the city, State or nation.

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BOYS FIGHT A DUEL.

Challenge Passes in the Street—One Boy Will Probably Die.

Eleven-year-old Michael Telasco, whose parents live at 2058 Broadway, Brooklyn, was shot and probably mortally wounded last evening by Joseph Gossang, 14 years old, a playmate who lives in the same house. A brother of Gossang took a revolver from him yesterday afternoon and gave it to Louis Von der Burg, another playmate who lives at 52 Jamaica avenue.

While all the boys were playing marbles last evening in front of 2058 Broadway, Von der Burg showed Gossang's revolver, which the latter immediately recognized and demanded. After Gossang had received it Telasco drew another revolver and told Gossang he was willing to match both weapons and see which was the better shot.

Gossang suggested a duel and both boys stepped fifteen feet away from each other. Gossang gave the order to fire. Telasco turned his head after stretching out his arm. Gossang fired first, the bullet striking Telasco behind the right ear, entering the head and coming out through the left cheek. He fell with his own revolver clutched tightly in his hand. Gossang ran into his house and hid in the cellar.

The injured lad was taken in a dying condition to the Bushwick Central Hospital. Gossang was arrested and locked up in the Ralph avenue police station.

400 IN A FAMILY REUNION.

President's Attention Will Be Called to This Utah Record.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 10.—The most unique family reunion ever held was celebrated here to-day by the Farr brothers. More than 400 direct descendants of three aged brothers, Lerin, Winslow and Aaron Farr, were present. Every trade and profession was represented by members of the family.

Lerin Farr is 83 years old. He has 315 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all alive. He declares that he can call the name of every one of these 315 descendants. The two other brothers have eighty-five or more descendants each. Winslow is 90 years and Aaron 85. All three are as chipper as young men and look younger than some of their sons.

The Farr brothers are devout believers in the Mormon doctrine of rearing large families, and declare that their families are evidence that President Roosevelt's race-suicide theory will not stand the test. The three brothers will present their record to the President when he comes here next month.

There is not believed to be another case on record of a man 83 years old having 315 living direct descendants. Brigham Young died twenty years ago and he now has 1,000 descendants.

WHITNEY WARS ON MOSQUITOES.

Has Begun Work of Draining the Marshes in Sheephead District.

William C. Whitney, at his summer racing home at Garrettson's Creek, Sheephead Bay, began yesterday the enormous task of reclaiming the vast territory of marshes in Jamaica Bay. Sheephead Bay and the Coney Island and Sheephead district. The plan includes draining the meadows, diking and clearing out pest holes for breeding mosquitoes in the territory named.

Mr. Whitney has the support of the Board of Health. He will not attempt to reclaim all the territory alone, but it is understood that other interests have given assurance of cooperation, until complete extermination of the mosquito results.

The work now under way at Mr. Whitney's home, where it is proposed to improve the marshes of Jamaica Bay in the vicinity of Garrettson's Creek, will affect a large area. Manhattan Beach, Brighton Beach, the Brooklyn and Coney Island Jockey Clubs and the Brighton Beach and Parkway Driving Club tracks will be benefited, as well as the summer resorts at Bergen Beach, Canarsie and Sheephead Bay.

The scheme as laid out means several years of work, with an immense outlay of capital. Mr. Whitney has engaged Henry Clay Weeks, who reclaimed the marsh at Coney Island, Oyster Bay, and whose work is spoken of in the highest terms by the scientific experts of the United States Government.

ELEVATED AGENT HELD UP.

Ticket Seller Attacked by Three Men and Robbed of \$10 He Says.

Three men were locked up in the Fifth street police station last night on the charge of assaulting and robbing Samuel Goldstein, the ticket agent at the First street and First avenue station of the Second and Third Avenue Elevated Road.

The three men went to the station about 8:15 o'clock, and after buying three tickets went on the platform. Frytson Goldstein (Goldie) was the ticket agent. He was followed by the three men, who were armed with revolvers. Goldie was held up and his pockets were searched. He was then released.

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IOWA OUT OF COMMISSION.

ORDERED TO THE NAVY YARD HERE FOR REPAIRS.

Three Decks Will Have to Be Rebuilt and Steel Supports Put Under Turrets—Finding in Case of the Explosion May Affect Other Ships of the Navy.

PENNA. PA., April 10.—So serious was the damage to the battleship Iowa as a result of the explosion in the forward port 12-inch gun on Thursday afternoon that the vessel has been ordered out of commission and to the New York Navy Yard for repairs.

She moved from the anchorage off the city to-day to the navy yard, where she began taking on coal and supplies for the voyage, but will await more definite orders from the Department before proceeding.

The three decks which were torn by the pieces of shell and gun will have to be entirely rebuilt, a new 12-inch gun mounted and new steel supports and braces placed under the forward turrets before the ship can again be placed in commission.

A board of inquiry appointed by the commander-in-chief of the fleet is now examining into the cause of the explosion. It will report to the Admiral. Officers say the explosion which exploded the Iowa's gun was the worst in the history of the service at least twenty months, and they do not attribute the accident as being due to the weakness of the gun.

Five hundred blue-jackets and marines attended at the navy yard to-day the funerals of the three men killed. Admiral Higginson and his staff were also present. The wounded are reported as doing nicely and all are out of danger.

Yesterday, April 10.—The following dispatch was received at the Bureau of Navigation this morning from R. R. Admiral Higginson at Pensacola, Fla.:

The Iowa's breech-loading rifle, 12-inch steel, burst in front of transoms. Three men were killed by accident and four men were slightly injured. The following were killed by accident: F. L. Berry, ordinary seaman, whose next of kin is Mrs. Hattie Wilson of Las Vegas, N. M.; E. L. Purcell, landsman, next of kin, Mrs. Ellen Purcell, Street 2, W. Washington, D. C.; Walter F. Keller, private, next of kin, A. Moore, St. Charles, Mo. The following were slightly injured: G. Rothstein, copper-smith; I. O. Truesdell, landsman; Paul Goetz, quartermaster, first class; F. Tarrucker, gunner's mate, third class.

The gun in which the explosion occurred was designed in 1893 and made at the naval gun factory, Washington, in 1895, out of forgings supplied by the Bethlehem Steel Company. On Jan. 1, 1903, the date of the latest available report, the gun had been fired 125 times.

If the inquiry which Admiral Higginson will institute shows that the wrecked gun was weak, there will be entire change in the battery of the Iowa, and in the batteries of the Indiana, the Massachusetts and the Oregon, vessels of the Iowa class. The Navy Department has intended for some time to remove the circular turrets on the three vessels of the Indiana class and replace them with those of the elliptical, or balanced, type. This will give an opportunity of replacing the turrets now on these vessels with new ones.

Before the war with Spain it was said that big naval guns would stand only about 100 rounds in their lifetime. The experience in the war showed, however, that they were able to stand a greater strain than that imposed by firing them 100 times each. The record of the Iowa's gun, which has been fired only 125 times up to Jan. 1, and naval officers were asking to-day whether the estimate of years ago was not correct. The Ordnance Bureau of the Ordnance Bureau did not care to express an opinion as to the number of discharges a big gun could stand.

An explosion opens up so many interesting questions that the Ordnance Bureau will make the fullest inquiry concerning it, independent of the investigation to fix responsibility of the explosion.

BRIDEGROOM DISAPPEARS.

Bride-to-be Told Guests to Enjoy Themselves and They Danced Until Morning.

NYACK, April 10.—What promised to be one of the largest weddings ever witnessed in Nyack was necessarily deferred last night by the disappearance of the prospective bridegroom an hour before the time for the ceremony. The bridegroom was Carl Schmidt, a baker here, and the bride-to-be was Bertha L. Frank, a fire-knocker and popular Nyack woman.

A large number of witnesses had been issued for the wedding which was to take place in the Nyack Opera House at 8 o'clock. A handsome and costly wedding cake had been on exhibition for two days, and elaborate preparations were made for the wedding and the supper which was to follow.

Guests came from different villages in the county and a number from New York in the afternoon and early evening. The bridegroom was at the hall all day helping in the arrangements for the wedding, and in the early evening he told Miss Frank that he was going to the store to purchase a new hat. An hour later, the time for the ceremony, the bride became anxious about her prospective husband, who had not returned. Time went on and Schmidt did not appear, much to the surprise of the bride and the assembled guests. The bride showed her disappointment, but being more strong-minded than the heroines of average love stories she did not become heart broken or faint.

"Well," she remarked, "if he doesn't want to marry me he doesn't have to, and I am not going to cry about it, either."

The women were convinced that the man had gone for good, so she told the guests to enjoy themselves. Supper was served, an orchestra played and the guests danced until the morning.

When the Salus bill was reached Mr. Salus moved to substitute for his bill the Grady State bill, then by advancing the measure one day, and it was passed by a vote of 125 to 57. The Governor had it in his hands twenty minutes later.

WOMAN CIRCUS RIDER HURT.

Two of Them Thrown in the Horse Race.

—Josephine Judge Laid Up.

The crowds at Madison Square Garden saw something yesterday afternoon that was not on the programme of the circus, and was none the less exciting. It was a spill in the big horse race of the women riders.

The race went as usual until the second heat, when, as the riders reached the Fourth curve and of the course, two horses collided and threw their riders, Mame Sibson and Josephine Judge. The former was not hurt, but her companion was dragged several feet and was knocked unconscious.

She was carried to the dressing room and there it was found that she was not mortally hurt, as was at first feared, but had strained the muscles of her legs very badly. She will not be able to ride again for several days.

TIM CAMPBELL SINKING.

He Had a Relapse Yesterday and May Die at Any Minute.

Tim Campbell, the East Side politician, who has been ill of pneumonia at his home, 14 Columbus street, had a relapse yesterday and was much worse last night. A doctor was with him most of the day. It was said that he might not live through the night.

Ed Corey's Pious Day.

The Haymarket dance hall was closed last night. Ed Corey, who runs the resort, always closes it on Good Friday night. It is the only night in the year in which he closes voluntarily.

PLOT TO KILL SERBIAN KING.

Discovered in Time and a Number of Arrests Have Been Made.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BUDAPEST, April 10.—It is stated that a plot to assassinate King Alexander of Serbia on Sunday has been discovered in Belgrade.

A large number of arrests of persons charged with complicity in the plot have been made.

VIOLATED ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

Master Plumbers' Association of St. Louis Declared Illegal.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 10.—Acting in conformity with instructions from the St. Louis Court of Appeals, Judge Horatio Hood of the Circuit Court held to-day that the Association of Master Plumbers of St. Louis was an illegal organization, that it was formed to maintain and monopolize the plumbing business in St. Louis with a view to fixing the price and restricting the sale of plumbing supplies to master plumbers only. An order was made dissolving the association on the ground that the Association of Master Plumbers carried on business in restraint of trade.

The case in which the decision was made was that of John Walsh against the association. Walsh, not being a member of the association, was unable to procure supplies here and was compelled to get them from Chicago at a largely increased expense.

NO STRIKE ON ELEVATED.

Employees' Union Accepts New Scale and Praises the Company.

The elevated railroad men's union held a series of meetings yesterday afternoon and last night in Colonial Hall, 101st street and Columbus avenue, to consider a new scale of wages and to enroll members. George E. Pepper, president of the union, said that as a result of a conference last week between representatives of the men and the Interborough Company a new scale of wages, going into effect on April 12, has been formulated by the company.

The wage scale, which is a little higher than the present one, was accepted, and it was decided to stand out for the nine-hour workday. President Pepper then said:

"You can say positively that no strike is contemplated. Any one who says to the contrary must be trying to injure the union. The company has met us more than half way. Another conference over the nine-hour workday will be held in the near future."

NO WORD FROM ROOSEVELT.

President Didn't Send Any Messages Out of the Park Yesterday.

CINCINNATI, Mo., April 10.—The President did not send any messages out of the park to-day. He is travelling away from Cincinnati to a country where it is estimated that there are 20,000 elk.